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~~A card transporting mechanism for a card reader is provided. The trailing end of a card, as viewed in a card transporting direction, is brought into contact with a first card engaging/holding member moving in the card transporting direction, and the card is transported by the first card engaging/holding member. The card transporting mechanism includes a carriage movable in the card transporting direction, and the first card engaging/holding member is mounted so that the first card engaging/holding member is movable between a first position where the first card engaging/holding member comes in contact with the trailing end of the card and a second position where the first card engaging/holding member does not come in contact with the card. A transportation drive member is provided for transporting the card.~~